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Dear Tony:

Thanks for your August 20th note. You can't catch me here during your trip South because I'm dashing back to Mysore any minute - have to be there for the meeting of the International Institute of Philosophy at the University. I've promised to "Observe" , and then, if it seems pertinent, to do a report on it. The meeting is next weekend. I'll see you later, either in Mysore or Bangalore.

Your information is revealing. It all seems big and vague and hopeless, doesn't it? I still think other, more and better things can be done with the exchange of ideas across national boundaries. The biggest problem, to my mind is the fact that people just don't know what exists and is available - not only here, but even in the USA/ and Europe. The individual can't devote his entire time to seeking out things that might interest him. If he does seek, it is along lines in which he is already interested. Whereas what he NEEDS is to be brought in contact with things that hitherto have NOT interested him, and might. That's education.

Seeing this, my little Public Interest, Inc. did many experiments in finding material and directing it to people who OUGHT to have seen it, but, as it turned out, hadn't. Like Congressmen, for example, about whose education I always worry, as their lack of it has such serious results in policy making. Every experiment we did was a huge success, except that we couldn't get people with money to give anything/consistently but lip service to these projects. So I know from experience that many things can be done that are not done, routinely ... which is why I haven't given up - yet. The moment may be imminent, but it is not THIS moment.

As you said, more on the subject of Communication when we meet again.

Regards,

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